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For: METHOD OF FORMING PARTIAL
REVERSE ACTIVE MASK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
09/535,251, filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 5–7, please amend the specification according to the attached sheets.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1–3 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

Please add claims 4–10 according to the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The amendment adds new claims 4–10 while canceling claims 1–3, making claims 4–10 pending in the application. Support for the amendment can be found in the parent application. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Please consider the pending claims in light of the references cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. These references were